



**MINUTES OF THE
NIAGARA CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, held on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland, ON

In the absence of Chair Daly, parent member Marion Battersby called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Marion Battersby led the opening prayer with special intentions.

2. Roll Call:

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education was in attendance for the Director's Designate Lee Ann Forsyth-Sell, Superintendent of Education who was excused. Trustee Larry Huibers was in attendance for Dino Sicoli, Vice-Chair of the Board and Trustee, Leanne Prince who were also excused.

John Crocco, Director of Education/Secretary Treasurer stopped in and thanked all the members of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee for their continued support of parent engagement in the Niagara Catholic District School Board and their commitment to Catholic education.

Parent Members	Affiliations	Present	Excused	Absent
Shonna Daly	Fort Erie/Port Colborne/Wainfleet	Arrived at 6:50 p.m.		
Rebecca Williams	Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln/Pelham		√	
Kim Hedden	Merriton/Thorold	√		
Heather McCluckie	Merriton/Thorold	√		
Chris Kouroushis	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Rita Colling	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Marilyn Fabiano	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Josephine Muraca-Lettieri	Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake	√		
Marion Battersby	St. Catharines	√		
Kate Hingston	St. Catharines	√		
Angela Lorenzo	St. Catharines	√		
Carrie Vernelli	Welland	√		
AJ McLaughlin	Welland	√		
Leone Strilec	Development and Peace		√	
Shelley Gilbert	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	√		
Anna Racine	SEAC Representative		√	
Fr. Peter Rowe	Bishop/Diocesan Representative	Arrived at 6:40 p.m.		
Camille Peddle	Secondary Student Senate Representative	√		

Trustees				
Leanne Prince	Trustee		√	
Dino Sicoli	Vice-Chair of the Board		√	

The following staff was in attendance:

Brad Johnstone, Secondary Principal, Kim Kuchar, Elementary Principal, Josie Rocca, Support Staff and Yvonne Anderson, Recording Secretary.

Regrets sent: Leanne Prince, Anna Racine, Dino Sicoli and Leone Strilec.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: AJ McLaughlin

Seconded by: Rita Colling

THAT the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the agenda of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of September 5, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No declaration of conflict of interest was declared with any item on the agenda.

5. Approval of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2019

Moved by: Marilyn Fabiano

Seconded by: Josie Muraca-Lettieri

THAT the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee approve the minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of March 7, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

C. 2019-2020 NCPIC GOALS

Deferred to the November 7, 2019 meeting.

D. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Nil Reports

E. POLICY

Marion Battersby reported on the policies being vetted. NCPIC members were asked to forward feedback to Yvonne Anderson for submission on behalf of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee. Members wishing to provide feedback as an individual are also welcome to submit their feedback directly to Jennifer Pellegrini no later than the deadlines.

September 9, 2019

- [Emergency Instructors Elementary Policy \(NEW\)](#)
- [Catholic Leadership: Supervisory Officer & Controller of Facilities Selection Policy \(NEW\)](#)

October 4, 2019

- [Employee Meals and Hospitality Policy \(201.14\)](#)
- [Employee Conferences, Workshops and Meetings Policy \(201.15\)](#)
- [Opening or Closing Exercises – Safe Schools Policy \(302.6.1\)](#)
- [Acceleration/Retention \(Elementary\) Policy \(400.5\)](#)

Trustee Huibers reviewed the purpose of the Emergency Instructors Elementary Policy and expressed the importance of the parent voice as their values and views are represented in all Board policies. Superintendent Iannantuono also reviewed the Emergency Instructors Elementary and clarified areas of concern. Superintendent Iannantuono will review the Education Act and clarify the term of ten (10) days for emergency instructors.

Superintendent Iannantuono also spoke to the Catholic Leadership Office and Controller of Facilities Selection Policy and the focus to ensure leadership in the Niagara Catholic District School Board reflects the vision, mission and values of the Board.

Josie Muraca-Lettieri suggested that an email of receipt should be sent to those who submitted policy feedback and that an invitation should be extended to attend the Policy Review Committee Meeting when the policy is being reviewed.

F. CHAIR'S REPORT-Chair Daly arrived and resumed her role as Chair

- Nil Report

G. DIRECTOR'S DESIGNATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

1. 2019-2020 School Year Calendar

The 2019-2020 School Year Calendar was provided for information. Superintendent Iannantuono shared the vetting process of the school year calendar and that PA Days are allocated to support Ministry and Board Professional Development, including Mental Health, Health and Safety, Literacy/Numeracy and Faith Formation.

2. 2019-2020 System Events

A list of Niagara Catholic 2019-2020 system events was provided for information.

3. 2019-2020 Niagara Catholic System Priorities

The 2019-2020 Niagara Catholic System Priorities was provided for information.

4. 2019-2020 NCPIC Membership

Superintendent Iannantuono reported that the:

Community Representatives Nomination Forms are due-September 18, 2019.

Parent/Guardian Representatives Nomination Forms are due October 11, 2019.

Superintendent Iannantuono also shared that at the election/appointment of the NCPIC Chair and the Commissioning of NCPIC members will take place at the NCPIC Meeting of November 7, 2019.

5. Annual Catholic School Council Chairs/Co-Chairs and Members Meeting

Superintendent Iannantuono reported that a subcommittee meeting will be scheduled to further discuss the date and venue of the annual Catholic School Council Chairs/Co-Chairs and Members Meeting and requested that interested members contact Yvonne Anderson.

6. Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE)-Membership

Superintendent Iannantuono reported that the Niagara Catholic District School Board renewed the OAPCE Membership for 2019-2020. The OAPCE Regional Director for Niagara Catholic will be elected/appointed at the NCPIC Meeting of November 7, 2019.

7. NCPIC Financial Report

Superintendent Iannantuono reported on the NCPIC finances for information.

H. COMMUNITY REPORTS

1. Development and Peace

Chair Daly shared the Development and Peace report on behalf of Leone Strilec.

- The Development and Peace campaign for the next two years will focus on “For Our Common Home” inspired by the papal encyclical “Laudato Si”. In October, there will be a Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region. The first year of the campaign is dedicated to the Amazon in recognition that a future for the Amazon is a future for all of us.
- On Saturday, September 28, 2019 at St. Alfred’s Church in St. Catharines Development and Peace will be hosting a workshop to highlight the Amazon and campaign actions from 9:00 a.m. to noon. All are encouraged attend and learn more about the Amazon and its importance to life on earth and what you can do to help.

2. Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Shelley Gilbert

Shelley reported that:

- St. Vincent de Paul sent two sea containers to Naujaat Nunavut to support families in need.
- At a cost of \$30,000, St. Vincent de Paul was able to send ninety boys and girls from St. Catharines, Welland and Niagara Falls to the St. Vincent de Paul Camp in Chatham. There was no cost to the parents.
- The St. Vincent de Paul Trivia night was a success. The proceeds of \$4,000.00 supported sending the kids to camp.
- St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting a workshop at the end of October on “how to get new members”.

I. SEAC REPORT-Anna Racine

- Nil Report

J. BISHOP/DIOCESAN REPORT-Fr. Peter Rowe

Fr. Peter Rowe reported that:

- today we are celebrating the Feast Day of St. Teresa of Calcutta. It has been twenty-two years since the living saint passed.
- on October 5, 2019 the Diocese will be meeting to discuss the discernment process in each parish.
- as we begin the new school year priests are walking with us, students, parents/guardians and the school community in the mission that we share-Luke 5 Jesus Calls His First Disciples.

K. STUDENT SENATE REPORT-Camille Peddle

- Student Senate is currently in the transitionary period between 2018/2019 and the 2019/2020 school year. A transitional meeting, including both incoming and as well as outgoing Student Senate members took place on June 11, 2019.
- Student Senate will hold its first official meeting on September 10, 2019.

L. STAFF REPORTS-Kim Kuchar and Brad Johnstone

- Good news and updates from the elementary and secondary schools were provided for information.

M. TRUSTEE REPORTS-Larry Huibers

- Nil Report

N. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

O. NEXT MEETING: November 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre

P. CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Peter Rowe led the closing prayer.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Marion Battersby

Seconded by: Kim Hedden

THAT the September 5, 2019 meeting of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.
